

**REMARKS:**

The present amendment is submitted in an earnest effort to advance this case to issue without delay.

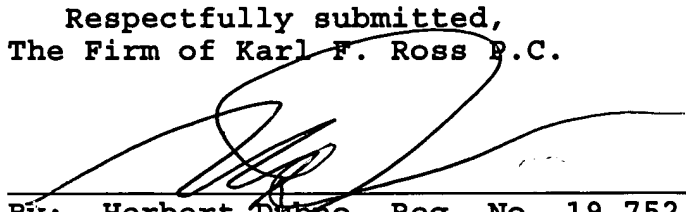
1. Claim 2 has been canceled and the other claims have been amended to eliminate reference to it. Thus all of claims 4-7 refer back only to claims 1 and 3 in the alternative. These claims have been allowed.

2. In amending the claims the objection to claim 6 in paragraph 2 of page 2 of the Office Action has been removed.

3. A copy of DE 29 26 533 C2 is enclosed. That reference has been described in the body of the specification and particularly on page 2, lines 12-19. The information that caused the document to be listed is thus of record and the legible copy has now been supplied. There is also attached a PTO 1449 form listing this reference.

Since this application now appears to be in condition for allowance, an early Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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